



IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING & AGENDA

Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

March 13, 2014, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm MT

*Len B. Jordan Building
650 W. State Street Boise, Idaho 83702
Room: B09*

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	1.	WELCOME, SELF-INTRODUCTIONS, AND ROLL CALL	Chairman Wright
	2.	AGENDA REVIEW <i>Agenda may be amended after the start of the meeting upon a motion that states the reason for the amendment and the good faith reason the item was not included in the original agenda.</i>	Chairman Wright
	3.	PARTNER REPORTS	IASCD, NRCS, IDEA, DFM, Admin.
	4.	ADMINISTRATION	
*#	a.	MINUTES 1. February 17, 2014 ACTION: Approve	Chairman Wright
*	b.	FINANCIAL REPORT 1. February 28, 2014 ACTION: Approve	Murrison

(*) Action Item

(#) Attachment

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*#	c.	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities FY 2015 Budget ACTION: For information only	Murrison
	5.	PROGRAMS	
*#	a.	RANGELAND CONSERVATION & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Program Activities ACTION: For information only	Hoebelheinrich
	6.	OTHER BUSINESS	Chairman Wright
	a.	REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: For information only 	
	7.	EXECUTIVE SESSION Executive Session is closed to the public. Under the relevant Idaho Code Sections noted below, all Board action will be taken publicly in open session directly following Executive Session.	
*#	a.	RESOURCE CONSERVATION & RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2345(d), the Commission will convene in Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing Loan Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loan # A-682 ACTION: For consideration and possible action	Hoebelheinrich
*	b.	RESOURCE CONSERVATION & RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2345(f), the Commission will convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loan #A-517 ACTION: For consideration and possible action	Hensley
*#	b.	HUMAN RESOURCES: EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2345(b), the Commission will convene in Executive Session for the purpose of considering the evaluation of a public employee. ACTION: For information only	Commissioners
*	8.	ADJOURNMENT The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2014, in Boise.	

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Item #4a1

IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Monday, February 17, 2014
From 1:30 – 5:00 pm MST

Location:

The Riverside Hotel
Liberty Room
2900 W. Chinden Blvd.
Boise, Idaho

DRAFT MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norman Wright
Jerry Trebesch
Leon Slichter

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT via teleconference:

Dave Radford

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Roger Stutzman

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Teri Murrison
Cheryl Wilson
Ali Hardy
Terry Hoebelheinrich
Delwyne Trefz

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Harriet Hensley, Office of the Attorney General
Benjamin Kelly, IASCD
Kit Tillotson, IASCD

1 **ITEM #1: WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

2 Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Roll call: Chairman Norman Wright,
3 Commissioners Jerry Trebesch and Leon Slichter were present. Commissioner Dave Radford was
4 present via teleconference. Commissioner Roger Stutzman was absent.

5 **ITEM #4a: MINUTES**

6 Action: Commissioner Radford moved to approve the January 29, 2014 Minutes as submitted.
7 Commissioner Trebesch seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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9 **ITEM #4b: FINANCIAL REPORTS**

10 Action: Commissioner Trebesch moved to approve the January 30, 2014 Financial Report as
11 submitted. Commissioner Radford seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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13 **ITEM #4c: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

14 Action: Commissioner Radford moved to approve a donation of \$1,500 for the Envirothon.
15 Commissioner Trebesch seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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17 **ITEM #5a: DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES**

18 Action: None, for information only

19 **ITEM #5b1: RANGELAND CONSERVATION & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LOAN**
20 **PORTFOLIO STATUS REPORT**

21 Action: None, for information only.

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23 **ITEM #5b2: RCRDP LOAN FUND FINANCIAL REPORT (January 2014)**

24 Action: Commissioner Radford moved to approve the January 2014 Report as submitted.
25 Commissioner Trebesch seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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27 **ITEM #6a: REPORTS**

28 Action: None, for information only

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30 **ITEM #7: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

31 Action: Commissioner Radford moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code
32 §67-2345(d) for the purpose of considering pending RCRDP loan business. Commissioner
33 Trebesch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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35 Executive session commenced at 3:49 p.m. Ms. Murrison, Mr. Hoebelheinrich, Ms. Wilson, Ms.
36 Hardy, and Deputy Attorney General Harriet Hensley were invited to stay for RCRDP loan
37 consideration.

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39 Executive Session ended at 5:13 p.m. Commissioners reconvened in Open Session at 5:14 p.m.

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41 **ITEM #7a1: LOAN # A-681**

42 Action: Commissioner Trebesch moved to approve Loan #A-681 subject to the satisfaction of the
43 following conditions:

- Loan proceeds will fund project, as well as pay off two DL Evans loans identified by loan officer
- Loan officer will obtain a signed financial statement for the LLC
- Satisfaction of loan officer's remaining recommendations

Commissioner Slichter seconded the motion. Commissioner Radford abstained from voting.
Motion carried with 3 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

ITEM #7a2: LOAN # A-240

Action: No action taken

ITEM #8: ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in Boise.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Trebesch, Secretary



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Item #4c

TO: CHAIRMAN WRIGHT AND COMMISSIONERS RADFORD, STUTZMAN, SLICHTER, AND TREBESCH
FROM: TERI MURRISON, ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: MARCH 6, 2014
RE: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

ACTIVITIES

Slichter Appointment Confirmation: As you know, Commissioner Slichter's appointment to the Commission was confirmed by the Senate within a week of his confirmation hearing on February 13th. Senator Bair was quite complimentary in his comments about Commissioner Slichter, citing his agricultural background and experience with conservation districts. Congratulations, Commissioner Slichter.

Germane Committee Presentations: Our final germane committee presentation (5 of 5) was made to the Senate Resources & Environment Committee on Weds. February 26th. Rescheduled from the previous Weds. and confirmed the Mon. prior to the meeting, neither Jeff Burwell nor a representative from IASCD could participate. Chairman Monty Pearce and his committee listened attentively and asked a number of questions despite a full audience there to comment on various pieces of legislation. At the completion of the presentation, Senator Siddoway complimented the Commission's work over the past 3 years to repair relationships with districts and restore legislative and public confidence in the conservation partnership. Overall, germane committee presentations went extremely well this session.

Division Meetings: To date, staff and commissioners have attended several Division meetings. In addition to information Terry Hoebelheinrich provided on the RCRDP Loan program, Delwyne Trefz has gone over the LTeam's field staff capacity planning and available hours to be allocated between district support and programs. Districts have expressed encouragement for the increased flexibility and appreciation for the changes made to the process. During the meeting in Division 3, several comments were made about the benefits of the process to districts in more in depth project planning. A supervisor expressed enthusiasm that within several years, the process will result in stronger 5 year plans and better on the ground conservation.

- Division 3: Staff and Commissioner Trebesch attended the meeting in Melba on February 25th. It was well attended with approximately 50 district supervisors and staff. Division 3 has requested that the Commission collect and rank technical assistance requests using the criteria developed by the TAWG (with modifications approved by your Board in November).
- Division 4: 3/12 Staff and Commissioner Stutzman will attend the meeting in Burley the day before your meeting and will provide an oral report on attendance and comments received.



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Pending Division Meetings

- Division 5: 3/19 – pending (Portneuf host, Pocatello)
- Division 6: 3/20 – pending (Butte host, Howe)
- Division 2: 3/27 (Idaho host, Grangeville)
- Division 1: 3/28 (Boundary host, Bonners Ferry)

FY 2015 BUDGET

See attached Administrator's Report on JFAC's FY 2015 Budget Setting action. Before your meeting, the House and Senate may have acted on an appropriations bill. An oral report will be provided.

REQUESTED ACTION: For information only

Attachments: Administrator's Update on JFAC Budget Setting for FY 2015

Conservation the Idaho Way

Administrator's Update

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March 4, 2014

JFAC BUDGET AFFIRMS CONSERVATION THE IDAHO WAY!

The Joint Finance-Appropriation Committee (JFAC) set the Commission's FY 2015 budget this morning. For the most part JFAC followed the Governor's budget recommendation, but also added \$50,000 for Idaho's 50 conservation districts. If approved by the House and Senate, the appropriation bill will be forwarded to the Governor for his signature.

Representative Steve Miller made the motion, Senator Roy Lacey seconded, and committee members voted unanimously to forward the proposed appropriation to the House and Senate with a "do pass" recommendation.

The motion included the Commission's base funding and increased funding for benefit costs, replacement of two vehicles, statewide allocation costs, network billing, updating Idaho's agricultural pollution abatement plan, a 1% salary increase for Commission employees, and the additional \$50,000 for conservation districts. Intent lan-

guage was approved that the additional district funds are to be distributed to all 50 districts equally and in addition to the amounts authorized under Section 22-2727 of Idaho Code. JFAC set the Conservation Commission's FY 2015 budget at \$2,531,000 from the General Fund, and \$347,500 from dedicated funds, for a total of \$2,878,500.

This budget recommended by JFAC affirms not only the good conservation work we do, but speaks to our hard work to strengthen the partnership. It also speaks to the efforts of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts and all of you. This year's joint legislative presentations were very effective – thanks to IASCD Board members and NRCS State Conservationist Jeff Burwell for participating. Together, we told a compelling story and really demonstrated the benefits of doing Conservation the Idaho Way!

Conservation the Idaho Way is a way of life for generations of Idaho-



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ans who take care of and improve our natural resources for future generations while maximizing their benefits to the state and the people. It's good stewardship of the land and its resources. It's voluntary and non-regulatory, focusing on cooperative, collaborative efforts with local people who know and work the land.

Significantly, if signed into law by the Governor, district funding will have increased over the last two years by \$100,000! Thanks to JFAC, the entire legislature, and the Governor for their part in helping sow seeds of voluntary stewardship across this great state!

COMMISSION

H. Norman Wright, Chairman
Roger Stutzman, Vice Chairman
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Conservation the Idaho Way: Sowing Seeds of Stewardship



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Item 5a

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TO: CHAIRMAN WRIGHT, COMMISSIONERS STUTZMAN, RADFORD, SLICHTER, AND TREBESCH
FROM: TERRY HOEBELHEINRICH, LOAN OFFICER
DATE: March 5, 2014
RE: RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Since your last meeting, the following activities have conducted by staff:

Marketing (historical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Booth Display<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Spokane Ag Expo (Feb. 4-6)
Marketing (planned)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Booth Display<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ South Idaho Direct Seed Workshop (March 6, Idaho Falls, ID Wheat Commission)○ Idaho Forest Owners Association (March 24,25)• Presentation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Idaho Forest Owners Association?
Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 loan inquiries have been received since the last update• 3 new loan applications (\$17,900, \$47,000, TBD)
Delinquencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 delinquencies, with details to be provided in Executive Session

ACTION: For Information Only